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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**42 CFR Part 85a**

**[Docket No. CDC-2014-0001; NIOSH-271]**

**RIN 0920-AA51**

**Occupational Safety and Health Investigations of Places of  
Employment**

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is withdrawing a previously published notice of proposed rulemaking that solicited public comment on minor technical amendments to regulatory text.

**DATES:** The notice of proposed rulemaking published at 79 FR 2809, January 16, 2014, is withdrawn, effective immediately.

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number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 16, 2014, HHS  
published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to make  
minor technical amendments to the regulatory text in 42 CFR  
Part 85a (79 FR 2809). On the same date, HHS simultaneously  
published a companion direct final rule (DFR) that offered  
identical updates because the agency believed that the  
revisions were non-controversial and unlikely to generate  
significant adverse comment (79 FR 2789). In the NPRM  
preamble, HHS stated that if no significant adverse  
comments were received by March 17, 2014, the NPRM would be  
withdrawn and the effective date of the final rule would be  
confirmed within 30 days of the conclusion of the comment  
period. HHS received one public comment that was not a  
significant adverse comment, but rather was in support of  
the companion NPRM. Because HHS did not receive any  
significant adverse comments to the NPRM within the  
specified comment period, we hereby withdraw this NPRM from  
rulemaking.

Dated: April 3, 2014.

Kathleen Sebelius,  
Secretary

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